

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
January 10, 2008
Community Forum
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In attendance: Leslie Budewitz, Elna Darrow, Sally Janover, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Paul Rana, Steve Zabaro, Gordon Graham, Gary Ridderhoff, John Bourquin, Chuck Gough, George Darrow, Edd Blackler, Bruce Solberg, Darrel Coverdell, Alex Strickland, Ralph Walton Mike Koopal, Joe Brenneman

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:05

Minutes: The minutes for January 3, 2007 were approved as emailed. (m/sc Solberg/Darrow,E.)

Treasurer's Report: Our balance remains the same \$3346. The report was adopted (m/sc Ridderhoff/Zabaro.

Community Reports: Bruce Solberg, Director of the Chamber reported there is a Sundowner at Northern Foods/UPS today at 5:00 pm Everyone is invited. Otherwise there is not much happening at the present time.

Resort Tax: This committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 12:00 pm. They will start mapping out the population area. It is their understanding that the district area can only encompass a population of 2500 and the resort tax can only be spent in that area. The next item on the agenda is to detail their expenses and then to create public disclosure. CFBB has begun a list of needs for the Bigfork Community which we might be able to help.

Lake County Planning: Leslie's Committee will be meeting January 18, 2008 at Saddlehorn at 9:00 am. On January 25, 2008 they will be taking their final site tour on E. Highway83, weather and snow permitting. Their meetings in February will be on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at Saddlehorn at 9:00, If you have any questions please contact Leslie at 837-6094 Leslie then mentioned an article that appeared in the Daily Interlake. It seems there is a group in Whitefish looking at the possibility of becoming a township. This is an area which gives residents of the planning area more representation. "In general, a township is a settlement that has the status and powers of a unit of local government.. It is likely it would need state legislation approval". White fish county attorney, John Phelps will be investigating further and Leslie will be getting in touch with him to see if this is feasible for Bigfork. (see attached article in notebook)

Vision Committee: In their last meeting they discussed recycling and maybe Bigfork could have a recycling center. They also discussed several ideas including funding , lighting and offering idea for events. Edd also stated a new visitor had set up sort of a chat room for people to exchange ideas but he didn't know where to go on Google to locate it. So I played with it on Thursday night. It is a Blog. Follow this path.....go to Google's home page. At the top of the page is the word Web, go over to more and pull this down and open Blogs, type bigfork vision forum and select. Go down to the bottom of page one and you will see 3 items. There is an email alert, you can add the blog to your home page, and then a new item sign up for updates. Edd's full report is attached to these minutes (in the notebook)

Watershed Committee: Mike Koopal from Whitefish introduced himself. He has been hired by the county to be the comptroller for this committee. Friday Jan 12, was the last day to submit letters of interest to the commissioners. They will be making their appointments on January 15, 2008: the first meeting will be held on January 23, 2008 at 5:00 at Saddlehorn. They will probably be having one meeting a month and more when needed. The first priority will be to have a mission statement, then bylaws and next, officers. They may also look for a county member at large. The first item they will be looking at when it is done, is the preliminary study which is in progress at the present time. Joe Brenneman mentioned that he, Mike, Sue Hanson and Debbie Pierson will be traveling to Helena later this month to give a 10-15 presentation the DEQ to ask for funds for this committee.

Saddlehorn: Ralph Walton mentioned the work is progressing on Ranch Rd. They are working well with the county with regard to the 209 project. He also mentioned the basement (larger area) at Saddlehorn is now finished and ready for meetings.

Chairman's Report: Rick Trembath will be presenting a Firewise meeting at the Bigfork Fire House on February 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Craig will also be getting in touch with Drew Hubatsek about the lighting presentation which will probably be an evening meeting also

Announcements: The County park board is looking for a Bigfork alternate member to serve on the Bigfork Park advisory board. If you are interested you should check with the County park board..

February 7, 2008 at 7:00 there is a public meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church to take public comment on the neighborhood plan. This meeting will be conducted by the Flathead Head County Planning Board.

February 14, 2008 at 12:00 The BSC and the BLUAC will hold a joint meeting to go over the public comments. The public is invited to that meeting also.

The Neighborhood Plan is can be viewed online at bigforksteering.org or a copy can be read at The Bigfork UPS store, it can also be reviewed at PC Fitness "café" for a fee.

There will be no BSC meeting on January 17, 2008. Our next meeting will be January 24, 2008 Bethany Lutheran Church 12:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm